

of resin absorbable flexible fibrous material formed with a lumen conforming to the dimension of the lateral and having a collar with a planar surface facing the lining tube of the same resin absorbable flexible fibrous material bonded at one end for conforming to the interior surface of the main passageway at the location of the connection between the lateral and the main passageway for forming an improved seal at the junction between the main pipeline and the lateral.

Please cancel claims 10-12, without prejudice.

REMARKS

This Amendment After Final Rejection is submitted in response to the outstanding Office Action dated June 14, 1999 wherein the Examiner rejected claims 9-12, all the claims present in the application.

Applicant proposes to amend claim 9 and cancel claims 10-12 in a sincere effort to meet the objections raised by the Examiner and place the application in condition for immediate allowance. If upon reconsideration, the Examiner does not consider the amendment to place the application in condition for immediate allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the proposed amendments with a view towards placing the application in better condition for appeal. Cancellation of claims 10-12 will leave only claim 9 on appeal which as amended sets forth applicant's preferred embodiment described in the application. Thus, applicant has sought to narrow the open issues. Favorable reconsideration of the application in light of the proposed amendments and the following remarks is earnestly solicited.